

# EquiTrust

## REQUIRED CARRIER SPECIFIC TRAINING (CST) INSTRUCTIONS

**Annuity & Life Carrier Specific Product Training** and state mandated **NAIC Annuity Training** (see NAIC ANNUITY SUITABILITY AND BEST INTEREST STANDARD STATE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS for regulation) must be completed prior to soliciting business. Failure to do so will result in rejected business. Please carefully review the information below and provide a copy of the training certificate to ECA Marketing ([licensing@ecamarketing.com](mailto:licensing@ecamarketing.com)) once complete.

### Annuity & Life Carrier Specific Product Training

#### Who should complete the product training?

All agents soliciting annuities, regardless of state, are required to take the product training module.

#### When can the product training be taken?

New agents and active transferring agents will need to complete EquiTrust Product Training before the agent appointment can be approved. If the product training is not completed within 30-days from the date Agent Contracting is received, the appointment request will be closed. Product training is available at any time for agents to complete.

#### Product Training Directions:

1. Go to: <https://secure.reged.com/TrainingPlatform/>
2. Log in or Register
3. On the Producer Status page select Enter Product Code
4. Product Code: EquiTrust

Optional but preferred-email completion certificates to [licensing@ecamarketing.com](mailto:licensing@ecamarketing.com)

### Additional Required Training

#### Anti-Money Laundering Training (AML):

LIMRA is the only AML vendor that EquiTrust will accept. All agents are required to take a 1-time AML course through LIMRA; EquiTrust does not require any on-going renewal courses. For agents that have not previously taken AML with LIMRA, EquiTrust will email login information after the first piece of new business has been submitted. AML taken through any other vendor will be declined and the agent considered "non-compliant". AML Training, in good standing order, is required before new business will issue.

#### Long-Term Care Training Certificate (LTC):

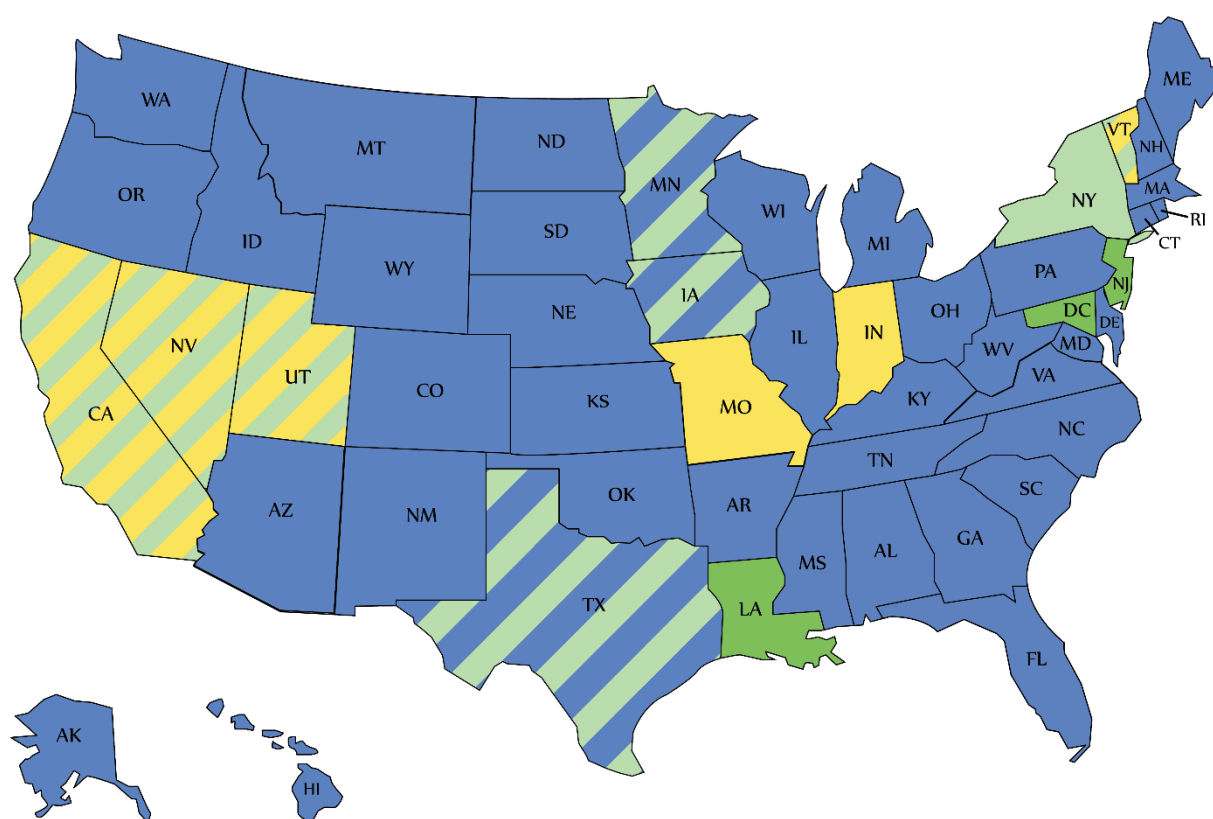
Bridge is a FIA with LTC coverage; all producers in states that mandate LTC CE must be in good standing order with the necessary training and proper license line of authority prior to soliciting business. A copy of the certificate must be provided with the agent contract.





[EQ LTC CE REQUIREMENTS](#) - please select the link to view LTC and Health line of authority requirements by state

# NAIC ANNUITY SUITABILITY AND BEST INTEREST STANDARD STATE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The following states have adopted some version of the NAIC Suitability in Annuity Transactions Model Regulation, 4-Hour Annuity Training and/or the revised regulation, Best Interest Standard (BIS). For states that have implemented the Best Interest Standard, all licensed producers are required to take either a 1-hour supplementary training or a new 4-hour training that includes the Best Interest Standard.

Training must be taken through a state-approved vendor prior to soliciting business. Please provide a copy of your training certificate to ECA Marketing ([licensing@ecamarketing.com](mailto:licensing@ecamarketing.com)). For further information, refer to the tables on the following page or contact your licensing representative.



	Mandatory NAIC		Pending BIS
	Mandatory Annuity Training – Requirement Varies		
	Mandatory NAIC including BIS		

## Mandatory Annuity Training - Requirement Varies:

Interpretation of the state ruling may vary by insurer

<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	Resident and non-resident agents soliciting annuities in CA must complete an initial 8-hour CA state specific course along with 4-hour refresher course every two years prior to license renewal. CA does not allow reciprocity for the annuity training between states.
<b>IOWA</b>	In addition to the 4-Hour NAIC Annuity and BIS courses, agents selling indexed annuities in IA must take a one-time 4-hour course specific to indexed annuity products.
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	The state of MN is requiring an additional course topic that is not covered in NAIC Model Reg #275. Resident and non-resident producers must take a 1 or 4-hour course that specifically includes "the recognition of indicators that a prospective insured may lack the short-term memory or judgment to knowingly purchase an insurance product". The MN course is titled "Best Interest Standards of Conduct for Annuity Sales". Reciprocity amongst other states will be allowed, provided the course includes additional course topic.
<b>NEVADA</b>	BIS requirement pending legislation. No specific hourly requirements have been implemented for NAIC.
<b>NEW YORK</b>	Effective 8/1/19 for Annuities and 2/1/20 for Life, NY has amended Regulation 187 (Suitability and Best Interests) to include agent training. NY has not instituted an hourly CE requirement; however, resident and non-resident agents are required by the insurer to take an undefined hourly vendor training specific to "Suitability & Best Practices in Life Insurance & Annuity Transactions" prior to soliciting new business or servicing in-force policies originally issued in NY. Training taken for the state of NY is specific to the state of NY, reciprocity is not allowed.
<b>TEXAS</b>	Resident and non-resident agents must complete a one-time 4-hour annuity CE course. In addition, resident agents must take 8 hours of ongoing CE specifically relating to annuities each license period. Licensees that are exempt from CE are not exempt from the initial 4-hour annuity training or Best Interest Standard. Exemptions apply to the ongoing 8 hours of CE required each license period. TX will accept most annuity courses taken in other states.
<b>UTAH</b>	NAIC including BIS has been approved by the state and is a new requirement. Producers licensed prior to 7/1/2024 are not required to be compliant with the 4-hour annuity CE.
<b>VERMONT</b>	NAIC including BIS has been approved by the state and is a new requirement. Producers licensed prior to 7/5/2024 are not required to be compliant with the 4-hour annuity CE.

## Mandatory – NAIC Annuity including Best Interest Standard:

EXISTING PRODUCERS have the option to complete either a new 4-hour training that includes BIS or a 1-hour supplementary training specific to BIS. Most states allow EXISTING PRODUCERS a 6-month grace period for completion - *grace period allowance can vary by insurer*. The 1-hour course will no longer be available after the EXISTING PRODUCER release date. NEW PRODUCERS must complete a full 4-hour training that includes BIS.

STATE	NEW PRODUCERS	EXISTING PRODUCERS	STATE	NEW PRODUCERS	EXISTING PRODUCERS
ALABAMA	1/1/2022	6/30/2022	MONTANA	10/1/2021	4/1/2022
ALASKA	1/15/2023	7/15/2023	NEBRASKA	7/1/2021	12/31/2021
ARIZONA	1/1/2021	6/30/2021	NEW MEXICO	10/1/2022	4/1/2023
ARKANSAS	1/1/2022	1/1/2022	NEW HAMPSHIRE	2/16/2024	8/15/2024
COLORADO	11/1/2022	5/1/2023	NORTH CAROLINA	1/1/2023	7/1/2023
CONNECTICUT	3/1/2022	9/1/2022	NORTH DAKOTA	1/1/2022	6/30/2022
DELAWARE	8/1/2021	2/1/2022	OHIO	2/14/2021	8/14/2021
FLORIDA	1/1/2024	7/1/2024	OKLAHOMA	9/1/2023	5/1/2024
GEORGIA	8/1/2023	1/31/2024	OREGON	1/1/2024	7/1/2024
HAWAII	12/31/2022	7/1/2023	PENNSYLVANIA	6/22/2022	12/22/2022
IDAHO	7/1/2021	2/1/2022	RHODE ISLAND	4/1/2021	10/1/2021
ILLINOIS	8/1/2023	2/1/2024	SOUTH CAROLINA	11/27/2022	5/27/2023
IOWA	1/1/2021	7/1/2021	SOUTH DAKOTA	1/1/2023	7/1/2023
KANSAS	1/1/2024	7/1/2024	TENNESSEE	1/1/2024	7/1/2024
KENTUCKY	1/1/2022	6/30/2022	TEXAS	1/1/2022	1/1/2022
MAINE	1/1/2022	7/1/2022	VIRGINIA	9/1/2021	3/1/2022
MARYLAND	10/8/2022	4/8/2023	WASHINGTON	1/1/2024	7/1/2024
MASSACHUSETTS	6/1/2023	6/1/2023	WEST VIRGINIA	6/8/2023	12/8/2023
MICHIGAN	6/29/2021	12/29/2021	WISCONSIN	10/1/2022	4/1/2023
MINNESOTA	1/1/2023	6/30/2023	WYOMING	1/1/2023	7/1/2023
MISSISSIPPI	1/1/2022	6/30/2022			

## Pending – Best Interest Standard:

STATE	NEW PRODUCERS	EXISTING PRODUCERS	STATE	NEW PRODUCERS	EXISTING PRODUCERS
CALIFORNIA	1/1/2025	1/1/2025	MISSOURI	TBD – Pending Legislation	TBD – Pending Legislation
INDIANA	7/1/2024	7/1/2024	VERMONT	7/5/2024	1/4/2025
NEVADA	TBD – Pending Legislation	TBD – Pending Legislation	UTAH	7/1/2024	6/30/2025